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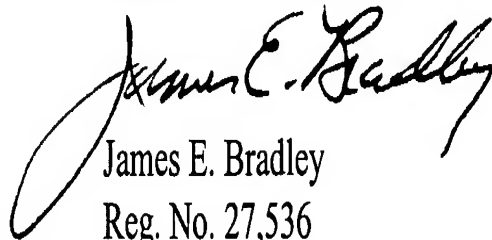
In compliance with Applicants' duty of candor and good faith in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, § 1.97, and §1.98, Applicants file this Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 listing references of which Applicants are aware.

The letters listed deal with an experimental use of the system more than one year before the filing date. As noted in the letter of January 26, 2000, the intent of the applicants was to build a unit at Castle Metals for experimentation purposes. The letter of June 12, 2000 discusses the installation, which had been made by that time, but suggested improvements and continuing monitoring activity.

In September 2000, more testing was performed on the unit and a film was made to further analyze future modifications to the nozzle that were needed. In May 2001, the applicants introduced the system to the market at the American Welding Trade Show in Cleveland, Ohio. Further design development occurred August through September 2001, with a new test nozzle installation for Castle Metals unit in October 2001.

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Respectfully submitted,

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